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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>"...General Ferenc FARKAS, leader of the Hungarian Liberty Movement (Germany-Austria) invited by French military circles and Archduke Otto, arrived to Paris end of June. He contacted democratic leaders, who seemed to be rather disposed to accept him as Representative of the 1944/45 Emigrants in the future Committee. On the suggestion of Otto, General FARKAS wrote an official letter to Tibor ECKHARDT, offering his collaboration for the common sake of Hungary. Archduke Otto received General FARKAS in the company of Count Jozsef PALFFY and Mr. Borisz BALLA. General FARKAS on his Paris trip was accompanied by Lt. Gen. VASVARY (former Chief of the Intelligence Dept. of Hungarian General Staff and Military attache in Belgrade). On his later post he had close contacts to Baron BARACH-BESSEYEV whom he saw in Paris and surely contributed to prepare field for General FARKAS's reception. - General FARKAS was satisfied with the results of his trip. French military circles were extremely activ in backing him in all Emigrant circles.</p> <p>Archduke Otto informed General FARKAS that he may submit constitutional question to nation's will, which declaration made excellent impression on General FARKAS' circle and raised Otto's chances among Germany-Austria living emigrants.-</p> <p>Rightists; FARKAS-ESSO Group. General FARKAS established formally the Hungarian Liberty Movement in Munich the 22nd April 1948.</p> <p>The following day the 23 April on his suggestion with the participation of Slovak, Croatian, Serbian, Rumanian and Bulgarian Emigrant representatives the "EMIGRANT CLUB" was established. Meanwhile, this Club's activity was interdicted by the Military Government (Only the USA Consulat General in Munich backed the idea.)</p> <p>In June General FARKAS visited Paris (see above)</p> <p>The Group is seeking USA contacts and for this purpose they wrote to us, to help them to find contacts to Tibor ECKHARDT and Rightist Emigrant leaders in USA..."</p> <p>Source: [Handwritten initials] [Handwritten initials] [Handwritten initials] [Handwritten initials]</p> <p>Evaluation: B-2</p> <p align="center">SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION</p> <p align="center">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p>				
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STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

I think that an important move happened in the frame of the situation: there has been now in Paris for 3 days General FARKAS, Francis, who is the man who has got this Freedom Movement in the neighborhood of Munich and who has been "elected" Head of State, Prime Minister and all such ridiculous things. There is no doubt but that he has got a very great number of followers. He says that he has got the support of "the Americans" which is, of course, the way Eastern European people put it if they have one Vice Consul interested in their ideas. As far as I have heard, there is an American official called SKISZAY who is friendly with this "Government." Now there has been this article of Freidin with a Vienna dateline about the "Exile Government" in France and the information that the French General Staff wished General FARKAS to be at the head of it. This information was in the New York Herald of June 16 or 17th.

General FARKAS came here with the sole purpose of getting in touch with Archduke Otto and to see French quarters here. He spoke to General REVERS that is certain, and had a 3-hour conversation at the Hotel Cayre with Archduke Otto. He was the whole time with Father Iure GACSER, the Benedictine monk and Father GACSER was also present during most of the interview in the Hotel Cayre. General FARKAS also was in close touch with Count Joseph FALFFY, the only Hungarian he considered not "compromised" either by collaboration with the Germans or with the Communists. It seems that he is not so extreme anymore and very lenient. There were rumors that he had formerly stated that he would not "accept" leftist elements or Party Leaders such as the Socialist Mr. KIER or Mr. Iure KUNAS. But now he has definitely stated that he is willing to collaborate with everybody with the exception of Communists on the sole condition that the Catholic and rightist element is also represented in the eventual committee.

Before leaving Paris, he wrote a letter to Mr. RECHARDT in the States to set forth all this, and I only mention it in such a detailed way as it might be a centre of crystallisation which would be quite sound.

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